[Mr. A. N. Satyanesan.]

(a) whether it has come to their notice that the Government of India is starting a Fishery Training Centre at Madras; and

(b) whether they propose to send candidates from Travancore for training at that centre?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* Yes.

(b) No.

Fisheries.

47. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) their aim in having constituted Fisheries into an independent department;

(b) whether they intend to conduct any survey of the State's Fisheries;

(c) whether they have granted permission for the flotation of any Company for operating in Fisheries in the State and in Coastal waters; and

(d) if the answer to *(c)* is in the affirmative, the interests and powers they will have in the concern?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* To separate the administrative side of the Fisheries Department from research work which is a normal and legitimate function of the University.

(b) Yes.

(c) Permission has been granted to two companies *viz.*, The West Coast Fisheries (Travancore) Ltd. and the Malayalam Fisheries. The main object of these companies is to carry on deep sea fishing.

(d) Government have no financial interest in the Malayalam Fisheries. They have agreed to contribute 20 per cent. of the share capital of the West Coast Fisheries Ltd. They have two Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company. In respect of both companies they have all the powers available to them under the Travancore Companies Act.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

48. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the majority of the officers of the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., who are drawing Rs. 100 and above as salary are non-Travancorean Brahmins?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Government have no information.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether Government will make enquiries and find out the information asked for?

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Mr. C. Kumara Das : Sir, Government do not propose to interfere with the day to day working of the factory.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Because Government have got 51 per cent of the shares, have they not got a duty to do so?

President : We have handed over to a certain organisation the duty and the right of constructing or bringing into existence the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals. We were bound to start production by October this year. But mainly on account of the default of the British manufacturers in handing over certain machinery, that has to be postponed to February. It is only after the work in connection with the building is over and the factory handed over that we can exercise control over the establishment. As far as possible they are utilising the services of Travancore men. But if we say that only Travancoreans should be employed, they will turn round and say that the delay is due to us because we insisted on our own men alone being employed. That is why we have not done so. As soon as they start production they will come to our assistance and naturally we shall see that as many Travancoreans as possible are employed. That is the policy of the Government.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : The question relates to the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals and not to the Contractors who have undertaken the construction of the buildings and other work.

President : There is no factory now. It is only the contractors that now do the work. After completing the buildings and after passing various other stages, the concern will be handed over. The contractors are the managing agents in Travancore.

Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore, Ltd.

49. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore, Ltd., all the posts drawing a salary of Rs. 100 and more are held by non-Travancoreans?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Government have no information.

Sahib Bahadur K. Shahul Hameed : May I know whether the Government interfere in the matter of appointment at present?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : No, Sir.

Motor Vehicle Insurance.

50. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the introduction of any insurance scheme for the motor vehicles in the State?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : *(Financial Secretary to Government)* : Yes.

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